

CBD Announcement

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SECOND STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION'S ADVANCED MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT

The National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina 27711, and Battelle, Columbus, Ohio, are partners in an Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) pilot for Advanced Monitoring Systems (AMS). The goal of ETV is to verify the performance characteristics of commercially ready environmental technologies so potential purchasers and permittees are provided with an independent and credible assessment of the technology they are buying or permitting. The AMS pilot is focused on verifying air, water, and soil monitoring technologies.

Battelle has established stakeholder committees for air and water monitoring technologies. A stakeholder committee for soil monitoring technologies will be formed at a later date. The air and water stakeholder committees are comprised of 25-30 representatives from federal, state, and local environmental and regulatory agencies; trade and professional associations; business and investment companies; and other organizations. The role of the stakeholders is to provide input from various perspectives on implementing the verification program through the duration of the AMS pilot. At the first meeting of these two committees, held February 24-25, 1998, at Battelle, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201, members identified and prioritized air and water monitoring technology needs, reviewed a Request for Technology (RFT) form used to invite vendors to submit their technologies for verification, and recommended criteria for use in evaluating RFTs.

The second round of meetings of the air and water stakeholder committees will be held separately in September 1998 at the following times and places:

Water Stakeholder Committee, September 10 and 11, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. Location: Seattle Airport Hilton, 17620 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98188-4001. For additional meeting information, contact: Todd Peterson, Battelle; phone 206-528-3274; fax 206-528-3552; e-mail peterts@battelle.org.

Air Stakeholder Committee, September 16 and 17, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. Location: Four Points Hotel by Sheraton/O'Hare Airport, 10249 W. Irving Park Rd. Schiller Park, IL 60175. For additional meeting information, contact: Gretchen Hund, Battelle; phone 206-528-3338; fax 206-528-3552; e-mail hund@battelle.org.

Committee members will review a generic protocol for evaluating air and water technologies, consider possible schedules for testing technologies submitted by vendors,

discuss other monitoring technology needs, and plan for issuance of the next RFT. The meetings are open to the public but space is limited. To register or for additional information about the stakeholder meetings, contact Mr. Peterson or Ms. Hund at the numbers listed above. For general information about the AMS pilot, contact Ms. Helen Latham, 505 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43201; phone 614-424-4062; fax 614-424-5601; or e-mail lathamh@battelle.org.